

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2009

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President David S. Byers, and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney Dave Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Knochel called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval of accounts payable vouchers for February 18, 19, 20, 26, 27 and March 2, 2009 with two exceptions. He suggested claim vouchers for Kimberly Heck for \$3.70 and Eric Swisher for \$4.59 be denied according to the travel policy.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS PROCLAMATION

TEMA Director Mark Kirby and Carol Shelby from Purdue University requested the commissioners proclaim Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 15-21, 2009.

Whereas, the month of March through June present the highest risk for severe thunderstorms and tornados to strike Tippecanoe County, and;

Tippecanoe County is located within the nation's tornado belt, becoming a prime target of devastating tornado outbreaks and other types of severe weather, and;

The state-wide tornado warning exercise will be held on March 18, 2009 for the purpose of testing communications systems, equipment, and procedures, and;

Whereas, during this week the Tippecanoe County Emergency Management is emphasizing its safety procedures involving tornado activity, and

Now, therefore we, the undersigned do hereby proclaim the week of March 15 – 21, 2009 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Tippecanoe County, and;

Encourage all citizens to become aware of all tornado danger signs and to learn how to safeguard the lives of their families, friends and citizenry in the event of severe weather activity in our area.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Director Opal Kuhl recommended approval of the Unofficial Local Detour Route Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) through Dayton.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Unofficial Local Detour Route Agreement with INDOT, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

Traffic Supervisor Mike Parks recommended the commissioners hear and approve Ordinance 2009-02-CM, Amending Tippecanoe County Code Chapter 72, Schedule III & IV Traffic Schedules regarding Stop and Yield Intersections. He reported the proposed ordinance will add stop and yield signs in developments accepted for maintenance in 2008 by the county.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear and approve Ordinance 2009-02-CM to be effective April 15, 2009, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2009-02-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to hear Ordinance 2009-02-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Attorney Luhman confirmed the vote on first reading passed 3-0.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Murtaugh	Yes
Byers	Yes
Knochel	Yes

Ordinance 2009-02-CM passes 3-0 on second and final reading.

Director Kuhl presented a Temporary Easement Grant and Warranty Deeds for South River Road Project to include the following:

Parcel 27 & 27A – Robert King Werberig & Carol Marie Luzon
 Parcel 41 & 41A– Nelson & Janet Moore
 Parcel 47 & 47A – Thomas L. & Cheryl A. Oliver
 Parcel 63 & 63A – James W. Barany

Properties are purchased for the roadway project and temporary easements grants for driveway construction.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Temporary Easement Grants for Parcels 27A, 41A, 47A, and 63A, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.
- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the Warranty Deeds for Parcels 27, 41, 47, and 63, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

A Generator Service Agreement for Community Corrections in the amount of \$538 for minor inspections, test operation, and a major inspection for one year.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the Generator Service Agreement for Community Corrections, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

2011 GENERAL REASSESSMENT BID

Commissioner Knochel spoke regarding the 2011 General Reassessment Bid. With one bid received, the commissioners have the opportunity to reject or accept the bid. Attorney Luhman reported the commissioners have until April 16, 2009 to enter into a contract and if desired another request for bid will need to be published. Commissioner Knochel stated if the bid is rejected, additional media sources should be targeted to attract agencies across the state.

County Assessor Samantha Steele agreed it would be in the county's best interest to have more than one bid to compare the prices. She has discussed the RFP for General Reassessment with vendors in the state. She will contact the five major assessment companies in the state if the bid today is denied. Commissioner Byers requested Assessor Steele copy the commissioners on correspondence with the vendors.

- Commissioner Byers moved to reject the bid submitted for the 2011 General Reassessment for Tippecanoe County, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HVAC PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR COURTHOUSE

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the HVAC Preventative Maintenance Contract with D.A. Dodd for the Courthouse, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO ROMNEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

The appointment to the Romney Regional Sewer District Board was postponed until further information is received.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to table the appointment to the Romney Regional Sewer District Board, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF FILE

Clerk of Circuit Court
Weights and Measures
Treasurer
Park Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Assessor Samantha Steele requested the commissioners appoint the County Assessor to the MITS Advisory Board; I.C. Code 36-2-15-5b states the County Assessor is responsible for the maintenance and selection of the county-wide computer system. With this responsibility she would like to be a voting member of the board.

Ken Bodkin – 2316 N. County Line Road – asked the commissioners about an appropriate forum, besides the Commissioners meeting where minor issues can be discussed. Mr. Bodkin is interested in speaking with commissioners about road projects, public treatment by county offices, and stimulus funding.

Commissioner Knochel suggested Mr. Bodkin contact the Commissioner's Office to arrange a meeting for such issues.

Commissioner Byers thanked the public and county employees for their support during his brief illness.

- Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

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John L. Knochel, President

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor